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Table 3

| | Comp. Ex. 1 | Comp. Ex. 2 | Comp. Ex. 3 | Comp. Ex. 4 |
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| Structure of hydrogenated block copolymer | - | V | VI | VII |
| Hydrogenated block copolymer (parts) | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| HIPS (wt.%) | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| b-PP (wt.%) | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Elongation at break (%) | 3 | 15 | 30 | 21 |
| Heat deformation temperature (°C) | 106 | 106 | 107 | 108 |
| Flexural modulus (kgf/cm ²) | 19000 | 15800 | 16500 | 14000 |
| Oil resistance (°C) | 70 | 81 | 86 | 83 |
| Phase separation structure | sea-island | Mutual impregnation | Mutual impregnation | Mutual impregnation |
| Existing ratio (%) of block copolymer on interface | - | 30 | 45 | 40 |

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In re Application of

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Application No.: 09/913,832

PCT No.: PCT/JP00/01742

Int. Filing Date: 22 March 2000

NOTIFICATION

Priority Date: 21 December 1999

Atty. Docket No.: 4777-12

For: THERMOPLASTIC RESIN
COMPOSITION

This is a response to applicants' "Petition Accompanying New Translation of PCT/JP00/01742" filed 13 November 2003.

BACKGROUND

On 22 March 2000, applicants filed international application PCT/JP00/01742 which claimed a priority date of 21 December 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 28 June 2001. A Demand was not filed with for International Preliminary Examination before the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. Accordingly, the twenty-month time period for submitting the requisite basic national fee in the United States of America expired at midnight on 21 June 2002.

On 13 August 2001, applicant filed a Transmittal Letter (PTO-1390) requesting entry into the national stage in the United States of America under 35 U.S.C. 371. Filed with the Transmittal Letter were, *among others*, the requisite basic national fee of \$890; translation of the international application; and an executed declaration.

On 02 October 2001, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a "NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495" (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) which set forth a 35 U.S.C. 371 completion date of 13 August 2001.

On 13 November 2003, applicants filed "Petition Accompanying New Translation of PCT/JP00/01742."

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Application No.: 09/918,332

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DISCUSSION

A review of the application file and other Patent and Trademark Office records reveal that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371(c) for entry into the national stage in the United States of America have not been completed as indicated in the Notification of Acceptance mailed by the DO/EO/US on 02 October 2001. Applicant states, "[e]nclosed with the present petition is a new translation of International PCT application PCT/JP00/01742 filed on March 22, 2000. . .Table 3 has been revised to reflect amendments requested by Applicants on February 10, 2003. . .The errors were editorial one which occurred in the course of preparing an English translation of the original PCT application. . ." Since the translation of the international application filed 13 August 2001 was not an identical translation in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), the Notification of Acceptance of Application mailed 02 October 2001 is vacated.

With the filing of the new translation of International PCT application PCT/JP00/01742 on 13 November 2003, the above-identified application will be given an international filing date of 22 March 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a date of 13 November 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and(c)(4).

CONCLUSION

Applicant's request to accept the translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 371, filed 13 November 2003, is GRANTED.

The Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) mailed on 17 October 2001 is hereby VACATED.

The application will be given an international filing date of 22 March 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a date of 13 November 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 371 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and(c)(4).

This application will be forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for mailing of a NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) which identifies a date of 13 November 2003 under U.S.C. 371 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and(c)(4).

Art Unit 1711 will be notified of this decision.



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